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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Jeffrey S. Smith
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	:	Art Unit: 2624
Application No.: 10/677,377	)	
	:	Conf. No.: 9735
Filed: October 3, 2003	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS	)	
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,	:	
PROGRAM, AND RECORDING	)	
MEDIUM	:	September 10, 2007

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination being filed herewith, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner amend the above-identified application as follows. The changes to the specification begin on page 2, the amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing that begins on page 4, and the Remarks begin on page 13.